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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th February 1868.*

No. 517. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th February 1868.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on Circuit, Pattikonda, 20th January 1868, No. 30:—

1. I have the honor to forward a Survey Map of the roads from Kurnool to the Gadidimadugu road over the Jolapur bridge, and an estimate for the construction of a road from the Jolapur bridge to the Gadidimadugu road, and also a copy of Major Moberly's letter to me on the subject.

2. The delay caused by the Public Works Department I consider most blamable, and, judging from paragraph 4 of Major Moberly's letter, it appears he refuses to send any estimate for the road from the bridge over the Hindry to the Jolapur bridge, because it lies within the municipal limits of the town of Kurnool; but as the Government and the Board have called for this estimate, as well as the one herewith forwarded, I consider the refusal as unjustifiable.

3. It is necessary for me to shew now why I consider the delay most blamable. I, first in letter No. 66, dated 17th September 1867, called on Captain Hunter to furnish the plans and estimates, under Rule XII of the District Road Fund Rules. After delay he sent me, as I have already informed the Board, two estimates, but as they were so extravagantly high, and for a first class metalled road, I felt it my duty to return them to Captain Hunter for revision, particularly as the Gadidimadugu road, while this road, for which the two estimates were sent, was not itself a first class metalled road. On the 18th December 1867 Captain Hunter forwarded me the enclosed estimate for a road from Jolapur bridge to the Gadidimadugu road, which I at once countersigned and returned, in order that he might forward it to Major Moberly, thinking of course Major Moberly would at once forward it to the Board.

4. I was, however, surprised to hear again by docket* from Major Moberly, asking my opinion whether it would not be better, and more in consonance with the wishes of the Irrigation and Canal Company, to have the road made to run more east. Knowing the difficulty and delay I had experienced in obtaining the 900 Rupees estimate, and that there was also an advantage in placing the road as in the present plan, because it would connect Jolapur, not only with Gadidimadugu, but also give it a nearer approach to the

My letter No. 14, dated 6th January 1868. Nannur road, I wrote to Major Moberly, saying, I considered the road should be laid out as planned by Captain Hunter. The whole then was returned to me with Major Moberly's letter, with the request that I would sign the plan, and forward it with the estimate for the road from Jolapur bridge to the Gadidimadugu road to the Board. This I received on the 19th instant, and now do as Major Moberly requested.

Now objected to by Major Moberly.

Paragraph 3.

5. The estimate for the road from the bridge over the Hindry to the Jolapur bridge was sent to me, but so high was the estimate that, as I said before, I returned it to Captain Hunter. Considering this had been sent, I see no reason

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why the revised estimate should not be sent. Nor do I see why Captain Hunter, a Member of the Municipality, should not be ordered to forward the revised estimate as requested.

6. There are also other cases of blamable delay against Captain Hunter. One is regarding the plans and estimates for the road from Eldurti to Ramalakota, only a distance of five miles. Early last year, 7th March, I walked over the proposed course of the road with Captain Hunter.

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He had then with him a plan of it. But not till 21st November last did I receive any official plan or estimate for this road. When the estimate arrived, I found it amounted to Rupees 29,000, or Rupees 4,500 per mile. It was for a first class metalled road. However, fearing more delay, I countersigned it, imagining Major Moberly would reduce it, by disallowing metal, and asked Captain Hunter to forward to Major Moberly my remarks on the subject. On the 5th December I received an estimate from Captain Hunter for 8,000 Rupees for the road. Since then I have heard nothing about it.

7. I beg to bring prominently to the notice of the Board the words "metalled roads." The reason why Captain Hunter has made his estimates for first class metalled roads, is not that he really wishes or expects such to be made, but because he was annoyed at my mentioning in my report on the Imperial road last year, that he employed, for repairs, round pebbles instead of broken stones.

8. It is therefore clear that delays have been not only wilfully made, but actually with the intention of putting a hindrance to the execution of work.

9. It may be out of my province to give my opinion thus freely on another department. But having the interests of Government and this district at heart, I feel that unless some understanding is come to, and the portion of the Public Works Department, which has to do with this district, be ordered by Government to be more prompt and energetic in the execution of the works expected to be carried out by it, that the whole of the Local Funds are not only useless, but mischievous, because the payers of the road-tax will become discontented, seeing that the taxes levied for roads are not made use of.

10. Another case of delay is regarding the road from Paramancherla to Nagatore. The Proceedings of Government, No. 3,058, dated 12th November 1866, were forwarded to Captain Hunter in December 1866. No reply has been received from him, and I therefore have reason to believe nothing whatever has been done.

11. If the Board will refer to my letter No. 372, dated 12th December 1867, they will see that the famine roads from Pyapalli to Jonagherry and from Pyapalli to Rungapur, altogether a distance of $16\frac{1}{2}$ miles, have been completed at a cost of about 1,65,000 Rupees, or at about a 1,000 Rupees per mile. This was entirely done in about a year, and by Deputy Collector Timmapa, who never constructed a road before. Certainly a portion of the first-named road is a little zigzag, as objected to by Major Moberly, but that was done to save expense, and to avoid, as much as possible, running through lands for which compensation would have been required. Major Moberly did not say a word about the second road from Pyapalli to Rungapur, that runs very straight, and is well laid out, and in one part near Rungapur, there is a deep cutting of about ten or twelve feet deep over a hill.

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12. Seeing these roads have actually been completed, I can see no valid excuse for the plans and estimates for the roads under the Department of Public Works not having been furnished, and if only slight energy had been displayed, plans and estimates not only might have been furnished, but the roads might and should by this time have been actually completed.

13. I fear the Board will, at the end of the current year, be much displeased on finding out that next to nothing has been done.

1. Submitted for the orders of Government, with reference to their Proceedings under date 28th January 1868, No. 236, Revenue Department. The Board recommend the estimate now sent for sanction.

2. The Board would also recommend that Captain Hunter be given an opportunity of explaining the delay of which Mr. Chase complains in the several cases referred to by him.

No. 518. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1868, No. 525.

Miscellaneous.

1. The revised estimate is sanctioned.

2. The Proceedings of the Board, together with the letter from the Collector of Kurnool therein recorded, will be communicated to the Public Works Department, in order that the Officers belonging to that department may have an opportunity of offering any remarks they may wish to make with reference to the strictures contained in Mr. Chase's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Public Works Department.

„ the Accountant General.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 523

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 25th February 1868.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting for sanction of Govt. Estimate for construction of road from Jolapur Bridge to Gadidi - Madugu road in Kurnool District -

Here enter 19th Feb 1868

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To of the Madras Govt
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